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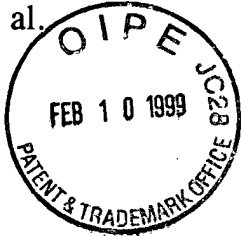
In re Application of:

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FOR CONTACTING
OBJECTS WITH A FLUID



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, the undersigned hereby submits the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified patent application.

These documents are being submitted within three months of the filing of the above application and before receiving a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified patent application and it is, therefore, believed that no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any deficiency in the above

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Respectfully submitted,

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